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SUCCESS AT LAST!

On Thursday, June 14th, the State Appropriations Bill was finally adopted and passed by the General Assembly. The Bill includes \$1,555,341 for the operation of the State Library program. Of this amount, \$906,681 is for State Aid to public libraries and represents a 10¢ per capita increase over last year's 25¢ per capita, bringing the total to 35¢ per capita.

Success in obtaining State funds to replace federal funds lost through the Nixon veto of the LSCA appropriation is due entirely to the librarians and trustees who made an all-out effort to inform their representatives in the General Assembly of the disaster facing the public and institutional library programs of the State and the necessity for replacing the lost federal funds with State appropriations. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Jean Galloway Bissell who headed the campaign for the increase in State Aid and spared neither time nor effort in achieving her goal.

Let your legislators know that you appreciate their efforts in the behalf of libraries. A personal visit, a telephone call or a special note is very much in order to let these men and women know that we appreciate their efforts on behalf of the library program.

The State Library wishes to thank all of you for your prompt response to every call for help. We especially appreciate your willingness to come to Columbia to confer with us and to plan the campaign which has been so successfully completed.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF SCSL PUBLISHED

The third annual report of the South Carolina State Library for the period covering June 1, 1971-June 30, 1972, has been recently published and distributed to libraries in the State. Statistics on all libraries, excluding school libraries, are included. Information regarding the facts and figures of library service--book stock, circulation, state and local per capita support, etc.--are detailed in this report.

Major accomplishments during the reporting period included the completion of unified public library systems in all of South Carolina's 46 counties and the construction of two new public library buildings in Anderson and Fort Mill.

S. C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM CHANGES

Libraries participating in the South Carolina Retirement System may want to note the following changes in the retirement laws enacted during the 1973 Session of the General Assembly. For additional clarification on these changes, contact the South Carolina Retirement System, P.O. Box 11960, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

(1) Ratification No. R229- Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Program

Authorizes Budget and Control Board to change death benefit to group life insurance program, if such changes would exempt payments from federal income tax. In the past Internal Revenue has been taxing the excess of \$5000.00 paid to a beneficiary.

(2) Ratification No. R228- Restoration to Service

Requires a person who has retired under the South Carolina Retirement System to become a contributing member again after he works 48 consecutive months, with compensation at least 75% of average final compensation, for an employer covered by the South Carolina Retirement System. At his option the member may buy in the 48 months, by repaying retirement allowances received for that period, plus the contribution he would have paid with interest.

(3) Ratification No. R386- Disability Retirement

Increases the age limit from 60 to 65 under which a member may apply for a disability retirement allowance. Under former law a member was required to retire on a service retirement allowance after reaching age 60.

(4) Ratification No. R387- Class I and Class II Membership

Permits Class I employers and employees to become Class II employers and employees, provided the employer contributes what he would have contributed plus interest had he been a Class II employer and each and every employee contributes what he would have plus interest.

There are only 21 Class I Employers in the State composed of municipalities and other local political entities. The law is now open for them to change to Class II membership.

PLANS FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM MADE

Members of the Advisory Committee of the American Patriot Reading Club met at the South Carolina State Library on June 6, 1973. Members met to discuss plans for the reading club which is being sponsored by the South Carolina State Library in cooperation with the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission. During the summer vacation periods of 1974 and 1975, South Carolina children will be eligible to enroll in the reading club designed to acquaint them with America's heritage as seen through its history. Suggestions discussed by members attending the meeting included guidelines for the club, related club activities such as films, historical tours, essay contests, etc., development of cooperative programs with other local community organizations, and design and format of materials to be used in conjunction with the reading club. It is planned that reading club materials will be ready for libraries participating in the program by April, 1974.

Members of the Advisory Committee include: Mary Aiken, Greenville County Library; Madelaine Mosemann, Charleston County Library; Gerda Belknap, Richland County Public Library; Carol Landrum, Spartanburg County Library; Nina Lyon, Union County Library; Betty Taylor, Watkins Elementary School, Columbia; Patricia Smith, Atlas Road Elementary School, Columbia; Nancy Wingard, South Carolina Historical Association; Marjorie Turbeville, Horry County Library; Verena Bryson, Greenville County Library; Frances Shuler, Willow Lane School for Girls; Josephine Neil, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston; Anne Altman, Children of the American Revolution; Barney Slawson, South Carolina Department of Archives & History; and Senator Samuel Mendenhall.

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

"Growth Experiences for the Mentally Retarded" appearing in American Libraries, July-August, 1973, pages 416-417, describes library services at Whitten Village, a residential facility for the mentally retarded in Clinton, South Carolina. The article describes the library's services, educational programs, and physical accommodations, all of which have been designed to meet the special educational needs of its patrons.

Mrs. Janette Smith, employee of the Greenville County Library for the past thirty years, will be featured in the September, 1973, issue of American Libraries. Mrs. Smith, who retired from library service in April, 1973, has been noted for her community service and the strong interest she has displayed in library patrons. While director of the McBee Avenue Branch Library, Mrs. Smith became acquainted with the Rev. Jesse Jackson who used the branch library during his boyhood. In a speech at the 1972 ALA convention, the Rev. Jackson particularly noted the influence that Mrs. Smith had on his early life.

The McCain Library at Erskine College has received a basic grant of \$5,000 for library materials for 1973-74 under HEW's College Library Resources Program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS AID LIBRARY SERVICE IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Grants totalling \$59,226 have been awarded to the South Carolina Department of Corrections for improvements to the Central Correctional Institution (CCI) in Columbia. The Governor's Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) awarded the funds which will be partially used to improve the library facility at CCI and to purchase additional library and legal resource materials.

It is foreseen that improvements to the library facility at CCI will assist the Department of Corrections in meeting minimum requirements for Southern Association accreditation and will make the library more accessible to inmates during the major portion of each day. \$40,275 of the grant money will be used to purchase legal resource materials. The major portion of these materials will comprise a legal branch at the CCI Library with less extensive legal material being purchased for seven other correctional facilities.

Marion County Library is one of the first county libraries in the state to receive funds under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to provide library service to county correctional facilities. A \$375 LEAA grant has been matched by a \$125 grant from the county of Marion. The \$500 total will be spent on books for the bookmobile which will service the County Prison Farm.

ERSKINE LIBRARY DEDICATED

Dedication ceremonies for the new McCain Library complex at Erskine College were held May 26, 1973. Mr. J. Mitchell Reames, Director, Frances Marion College Library, was the main speaker at the ceremonies. A tour of the library's facilities followed the dedication.

The original McCain Library was expanded by the recently-completed annex. The annex, built at a cost of \$375,000, added 14,000 square feet to the original 9,600 square foot structure. Volume capacity was increased from 55,000 to 155,000; seating capacity was increased from 120 to 299. The new library complex was designed by the architectural firm of Fant and Fant and constructed by G. E. Moore Company of Greenwood. Construction was financed entirely by the contributions of foundations, corporations, alumni, and friends of Erskine College.

During May, the Edgefield County Library served as the exhibition site for art works by Edgefield County elementary school students. The library was also used as a display site during a recent historical tour of Edgefield County sights. Heirloom "hand loomed" spreads, and other handiwork items were exhibited at the library.

REVENUE SHARING REPORT

The Chester County Commissioners have granted \$110,000 in Revenue Sharing funds to the Chester County Library. \$75,000 will be used in construction of a branch library at Great Falls. \$25,000 will be utilized to purchase a bookmobile, with the remaining \$10,000 going towards books and salaries.

\$60,000 in Revenue Sharing funds have been allocated to the Greenville County Library by the Greenville County Council.

The Spartanburg Board of Commissioners have approved a Revenue Sharing appropriation for the Woodruff Branch of the Spartanburg County Library. \$125,460 has been set aside for construction of the Woodruff Branch Library and \$10,000 has been appropriated for books for the library.

BANKSIA DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

A fund-raising drive begun last April to raise \$50,000 for the renovation of Banksia as a site for the Aiken County Library reached its goal in June. A total of \$53,000 was raised in the fund campaign sponsored by the Friends of the Aiken County Library. Commitments of revenue sharing funds of \$15,000 by the Aiken City Council and \$10,000 by the Aiken County Board of Commissioners brought total renovation funds to \$78,000.

Banksia, former site of the USC campus at Aiken, was originally the winter estate of Richard Howe. It is estimated that the new library will provide 60% more space than the present Dibble Memorial Building. Renovation work will begin pending approval of architectural plans by the Aiken County Commission.

The Friends of the Aiken County Library will continue to receive donations to enable further renovation at Banksia.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR CLINTON BRANCH

The Laurens County Council has voted to provide an additional \$25,000 towards construction of a county branch library to be built in Clinton. The amount provided by the County Council will match an additional \$25,000 recently appropriated by the Clinton City Council. The combined amount of \$50,000 will be available to meet construction costs of the building if needed. Funds amounting to \$150,000, including a \$50,000 grant from the State Library, have already been committed for the library branch building. It is anticipated that construction will begin in late summer or early fall.

SUMMER READING CLUB IDEAS

Public libraries throughout South Carolina are utilizing several interesting themes in their summer reading programs this year. As a sampling--

The Oconee County Library is sponsoring a "Summer Reading Safari" from June 4-August 25. Children completing five books will receive a small African animal with the option of acquiring a "zoo" of animals if they pursue their reading beyond this point. Certificates will also be awarded.

"Sail Into Adventure" is the theme of the summer reading club in Marion County Library. Upon reading 10 books, each child will complete a three-masted sailing ship complete with anchor. The ships will be posted at the library and signed by the librarian at the end of the club as evidence that the child has completed club requirements.

A circus theme predominates Richland County Library's Big Top Reading Club. Upon joining the reading club, children receive a clown button and, upon completion of 10 and 20 books, are awarded prizes. Children completing 30 books will have their names entered on a honor roll.

Characters from the "Peanuts" cartoon strip are being used to call attention to the Charlie Brown Summer Reading Club in Cherokee and Union counties. The reading club represents a cooperative project on the part of the two county libraries. Children who read 10 books will receive a certificate and participate in a reading club party at the end of the summer.

The theme of the reading club at the Spartanburg County Library is "Read-Pass-It-On!" Club members reading 4 or more books on their reading level will receive a certificate.

The Sumter County Library summer reading program is entitled the "Enchanted Forest Reading Club". A daily film program is being sponsored by the Children's Department in conjunction with the reading club.

The theme of the summer reading club of the Darlington County Library is "Build a Shelf of Favorites." Children registering will receive forms to list books read and represent "a shelf of favorites." Upon completing 15 books, book club members will receive reading certificates. In addition to school-age children, younger, kindergarten-age children with more limited reading ability but equal interest may participate with the assistance of a parent or older brother or sister.

A number of capital improvements have recently been made on the Mullins Branch of the Marion County Library System including new carpeting, drapes, additional shelving, refinished and new items of furniture, etc.

BOOKMOBILE SERVICE CONTINUES

In July, the Sumter County Library will enter its fifth year of contractual services to Clarendon County. The arrangement provides that the Sumter County Library bring the bookmobile on a semi-monthly basis to six population centers in Clarendon County. In addition, Clarendon County residents may use bookmobile stops in Sumter County, as well as the main library. In July, the community of New Zion will be added to the bookmobile schedule.

MARLBORO COUNTY PROVIDES LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIPS

At its May meeting, the Marlboro County Library Board approved approximately \$675 of its local money for summer scholarships for Mrs. Jean James, County Librarian, and Mrs. Betty Wells, Assistant Librarian. Mrs. James will be taking courses in cataloging and in book selection at Columbia College from June 4 to July 11. Mrs. Wells has signed up for a three-week course in adolescent literature at the Furman University.

The Library Board is to be commended for providing from local funds these summer scholarships in Undergraduate Library Training which in the past have been funded under the Library Services and Construction Act. Hopefully, other counties will follow Marlboro's lead.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT SPONSORS BABY SITTING PROGRAM

The Children's Room of the Greenville County Library sponsored a baby-sitters training class during the month of June. The class, open to interested young people, ages 10-13, consisted of four one-hour sessions held during the weeks of June 12-July 3.

During the course, proper methods of child care were discussed. Topics included safety, fire prevention, child entertainment, first-aid, baby care, and preparation of meals. Persons conducting the sessions were Mr. Bill Cooley, Greenville Fire Department; Miss Helen Rawlinson, Children's Room, Greenville County Library; Mrs. John Isaacson, American Red Cross; and Mrs. Charles Whittenburg, Clemson Extension Service Representative. Certificates were awarded to those young people who completed the entire program.

KERSHAW COUNTY LIBRARY OPENS

The new Kershaw County Library opened for business during May. The library, which combines the old county and city facilities, was completed at a cost of \$330,000. The library has a book capacity of 60,000-70,000 volumes. Formal opening ceremonies for the library are tentatively planned for August.

NEWS NOTES ON SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Chalres S. Cox will assume her duties as library technical assistant at the Limestone College Library on September 1, 1973. A graduate of Florida State University, Mrs. Cox was previously employed at the Orlando Junior College Library in Orlando, Florida.

Miss Bonnie Jean Dennis became Assistant Librarian at the Medical and Nursing Library, Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia on May 14. Miss Dennis, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, holds master's degrees in teaching and English from the Citadel and USC, respectively.

Dr. W. Stanley Hoole, author and former Dean of Libraries, University of Alabama, toured the James A. Rogers Library at Francis Marion College on June 4. A native of Darlington, Dr. Hoole has recently donated several rare books and government publications to the library.

Mr. Bernard Leach joined the staff of the South Carolina State Library on June 15 as Interlibrary Loan Assistant. Mr. Leach, a recent graduate of Wofford College, has been previously employed both at the Wofford College Library and the York County Library.

Mr. Harry Llull has been named head of the Science Library at the University of South Carolina. Previous to his appointment, Mr. Llull was Associate Science Librarian at the University.

Mrs. Beverly Logan and Mrs. Sadie Brown are serving as summer storytellers at the Richland County Public Library. Story times are held in connection with bookmobile visits to housing developments, OEO centers and parks. At the present time, there are 19 story times.

Miss Janice Pepper assumed the position of Librarian, Dillon County Library, on June 1. Miss Pepper recently received her master's degree in library science from Florida State University.

Mrs. Jane Purvis has assumed the position of Librarian at the South Carolina School for Boys in Florence.

Mrs. Louise Smith has joined the staff of the Richland County Public Library as Community Librarian. Mrs. Smith received her master's degree in library science from the University of South Carolina in May.

In June, Mr. Carl Stone, Extension Librarian, Richland County Public Library, was elected ALA Counselor to represent the South Carolina Library Association. Mr. Stone will replace Miss Jane Wright, former Counselor, who has resigned her position due to a move to Brevard, North Carolina.

Mrs. Shirley Street, Librarian, Williamsburg County Library, was named "Woman of the Week" for the week of June 20-26, in the Kingstree News.

Dr. F. William Summers, Assistant Dean, School of Library Science, University of South Carolina, has been employed as consultant to Broward County, Florida officials to develop a plan for extending library service to all Broward County residents.

Mr. Thomas Watson will assume the position of Newberry College Librarian on August 31. Formerly Assistant Director of the Bridgewater (Massachusetts) State College Library, Mr. Watson holds a BA degree from Oklahoma Baptist College, a master's degree in English from the University of Arkansas, and a master's degree in library science from Simmons College.

Mrs. Tama Winn has joined the staff of the Sumter County Library in the position of Driver-Clerk for the bookmobile.

RETIREMENTS

Recently retiring from the Dillon County Library system after many years of faithful and dedicated service are Mrs. C. E. Bethea, County Librarian for 43 years, Mrs. Inez M. Bethea, Library Assistant in the Latta Library for 39 years, and Mrs. I. P. Stackhouse, Branch Librarian at the Lake View Branch Library since 1947.

Miss Elizabeth O'Bear, Head, Science Library, University of South Carolina, retired on July 1. Miss O'Bear had served within the University's library system for the past eight years.

Mrs. Kathleen Fesperman will retire from her position as Newberry College Librarian on August 31. Mrs. Fesperman has been Librarian at Newberry College since 1968 and a member of the library staff since 1957.

MEETINGS

August 18-20, 1973. Southeastern Conference of the American Association of Law Schools and Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, Marco Beach Hotel and Villas, Marco Island, Florida. Pre-registration fee of \$15.00 should be mailed to Bill Adams, Division of Continuing Education, 118 North Woodward, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306. For room reservations, contact the Marco Hotel.

BEST WISHES

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cross who were married in May. Mr. Cross is with the Reference Department, McKissick Library, University of South Carolina. Mrs. Cross, the former Mary Robinson, is employed in the Serials Department at McKissick Library.

NEWS OF TRUSTEES

The Chesterfield County Delegation has recently appointed five new board members to the Chesterfield County Library Board. New members include the following: Mr. James C. Anderson, Cheraw; Mrs. Dorothy N. Arnold, Pageland; Mrs. Thelma Belkin, Chesterfield; Mr. Billy Lovelace, McBee; and Mr. William Odom, Chesterfield. Remaining on the board are Mr. Edward Sweatt from Cheraw and Mrs. Robert Raley from Jefferson.

Mr. Julian Hennig and Mrs. A. Talley Moore are retiring from the Board of Trustees of the Richland County Library. Mr. Hennig, a former president and treasurer of the library board, began his service in 1951. Mrs. Moore has served on the board since 1958 and is the former vice-president.

Mrs. Florence Houck Steele, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pamplico Public Library Board and Pamplico Public Library Building Committee, has been named Registrar at Francis Marion College. Mrs. Steele was formerly Title I Coordinator for Florence County School District #2.

Newly elected officers of the York County Library Board are Mr. George McGill, Chairman, and Mr. William M. Mauldin, Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Bruce Elliott and Mr. Robert Sibley continue their respective board positions as Secretary and Treasurer.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Mr. Walter Maxie Agnew who died on June 22. Mr. Agnew was very active in library affairs, having served as a member of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library Board and a former chairman of the Abbeville County Library Board. Mr. Agnew was instrumental in constructing the library building in Donalds which served as the headquarters building for Aiken County for several years. In 1971, the library building at Donalds was re-named in honor of Mr. Agnew.

To the family of Mrs. Marian B. Wise Miller who died on June 12. Mrs. Miller served as a librarian at South Carolina State College and at the Florence-Darlington Technical Center.

BOOKS BY MAIL IN UNION COUNTY

As part of Union's revamped bookmobile program, Mrs. Nina Lyon, recently appointed Union County Librarian, is experimenting with a "books by mail" service. Rather than having to wait until the bookmobile returns to a stop two weeks later, bookmobile patrons who wish to have books mailed to them from the main library are charged a flat rate of 20¢ per book.

CAROLINIANA

Coastal Plains Center for Marine Development Services. A bibliography of the coastal zone for South Carolina. (Coastal Zone Environmental Bibliographies, Part I). Coastal Plains Center for Marine Development Services, P.O. Box 3643, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

Clark, Thomas D., editor. South Carolina; the grand tour 1780-1865. (Tricentennial Edition, no. 5). University of South Carolina Press, June, 1973. \$25.00. Selected travel accounts describing South Carolina life, 1780-1865.

Hewitt, Ann Turner. Cypress Hall. The Select Company, The Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston. \$6.95. Novel set in Charleston during the Revolutionary War.

Hite, James C. and Laurent, Eugene A. Environmental planning: an economic analysis; applications for the coastal zone. Praeger, 1972. \$12.50. Explores problems of coastal zone management with particular reference to the Charleston area.

GIFTS

The Gregg-Graniteville Foundation has pledged \$5,000 towards Aiken County Library's renovation project at Banksia.

The Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation has pledged \$1,000 to the Banksia renovation fund.

The Marion County Library has received \$200 from the Marion Lion's Club and the promise of \$100 from the Mullins Lion's Club for large print books. These two clubs originally gave these funds to the library on the assumption that they would be matched with Federal LSCA funds. When it was learned that the matching LSCA money would probably not be available this year, the Lion's Clubs agreed that their donations could still be spent for large print books for the visually handicapped.

The St. Matthews Lions Club presented the Calhoun County Public Library with a set of large print volumes designed specifically for the visually handicapped.

SITE FOR WOODRUFF BRANCH DONATED

The Administration and Board of Trustees of School District #4 turned over a deed to a tract of former school property to the Spartanburg County Library Board as a site for the Woodruff Branch Library. Following minor architectural changes and completion of the final drawings, bids for the new library building will be advertised. Construction is expected to begin by late summer. The present Timrod Library branch at Woodruff is housed in a small frame house constructed in 1910.

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